



GP 1745
#6
N/Scutt
3/17/00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named)
Applicant: Snyder) Examiner: Maples, J.
Application No.: 08/998,421) Art Unit: 1745
Filed: 12/24/97) Atty. Docket: 11544-000246
For: Lead Acid Cell Paste Having Tin Compounds and Method of
Manufacturing and Using Same

RECEIVED
MAR 13 2000
1700 MAIL ROOM

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

37 CFR 1.8
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
I hereby certify that this correspondence and any documents indicated as
being enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal
Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: "Assistant
Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231"
2-28.00
Date of Deposit Ryan S. Neely

The Office Action rejected pending claims 22-30 under Section 112 on the grounds that
the phrase "an unsulfated electrochemically active material" is not clear from the specification.
The Examiner refers to page 11, line 25 through page 12, line 10.

It is submitted that the phrase "an unsulfated electrochemically active material" is defined
specifically in two other places of the specification. First, in the "Summary of the Invention,"
there is the statement:

For paste mixes that do not require the addition of sulfuric acid (i.e., so-called
"unsulfated paste") the tin form used can be introduced at any time during mixing.

The other place is in the specification at page 12, line 35 through page 13, line 2, which states:

In the case of unsulfated paste (those to which sulfuric acid has not been added) the sequence appears not to be critical.

In other words, an unsulfated electrochemically active material is one to which sulfuric acid has not been added. The other components of the material include those described in the portion of the specification identified by the Examiner, namely page 11, line 25 through page 12, line 10.

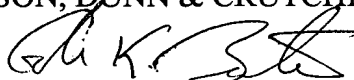
It is respectfully submitted that the claims as further described herein are now in a condition for allowability and an early notice of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Extension of Time:

Applicant hereby requests a three month extension of time to respond to the outstanding office action, and encloses check no. 41072 in the amount of \$435.00 (three month extension, small entity) to cover said request. Please charge any deficiency or overpayment of funds to deposit account no. 50-0792.

Respectfully submitted,

GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER LLP



Glenn K. Beaton, Reg. No. 30,995
1801 California Street, Suite 4100
Denver, CO 80202-2641
Phone: (303) 298-5773
Fax: (303) 296-5310

Encl.
Postcard Receipt
Check No. 41072

60041560_1.DOC